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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 7, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kakiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,163) in view of Shimoura et al. (JP 2000-306190).

Regarding claim 7, Kakiyama et al. disclose a display method for a car navigation system which displays a position and proceeding direction of a user's car on a road map and displays a guide route on the road map (See abstract), the display method overlapping displaying a graphic at a position on the road map corresponding to traffic information (See col. 14, lines 66-68-col .15, lines 1-10). Kakiyama et al. although disclose the display is made in overlapped manner of the road and traffic information; it does not specifically disclose traffic jam statistical information.

In an analogous art, Shimoura et al. disclose a traffic information management wherein it discloses an area surrounded by said graphic depends on the traffic jam statistical information and a statistical reliability of the traffic jam statistical information (considered as traffic information collection with feature values), wherein said statistical reliability is a rank classification based on a standard deviation (using Kalman filter) of

said traffic jam statistical information, and wherein said graphic has a perimeter that changes based on said statistical reliability (See abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Kakiyama et al. with that of Shimoura by having traffic jam statistical information and a statistical reliability wherein the statistical reliability is a rank classification based on a standard deviation of the traffic jam statistical information in order to provide traffic information which precisely and efficiently measures the number of vehicles.

Claims 8, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kakiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,163) in view of Shimoura et al. (JP 2000-306190) and Nanba et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,874,905).

Regarding claims 8, 10, Kakiyama et al. and Shimoura et al. combined disclose all but fail to specifically disclose a display classifying colors with traffic jam and a circle. In an analogous art, Nanba et al. disclose traffic jam, a display which changes in colors and classifying colors but does not specifically disclose a circle and classifying the colors with the traffic jam. However, Nanba et al. also disclose different patterns and direction mark in larger size and changing color in the display and thicker line (See col. 11, lines 1-14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have different patterns and colors with display and traffic jam in order to better understand the displayed route information.

REMARKS

In Applicant's representative argument dated 9/28/09, page 7, it defines the present invention as : "In contrast, the present invention determines a standard deviation of traffic jam statistical information based on the repeatability of that information. In particular, traffic information is collected at various locations and at various times, the information is compiled and analyzed to provide statistical traffic information and a reliability of the same, and the statistical information and the reliability of that information is overlappingly displayed on a map." It appears that the prior art of Kakiyara and that of Shimoura in combination teach the concept of the invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GERTRUDE ARTHUR JEANGLAUD whose telephone number is (571)272-6954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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